

Financial Aid Office

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2024-2025 Resolution of Student Marital and Tax Filing Status

Student Name: _____ RSC Student ID: _____

The information reported on your 2024-2025 FAFSA indicates your marital status does not appear to agree with your 2022 IRS income tax return filing status. You must review your FAFSA and make corrections to your FAFSA if necessary.

Please note your response to your marital status on your FAFSA can be determined by these descriptions:

- Your marital status must be reported accurately **as of the date the FAFSA was completed, signed and submitted.**
- “Married” or “Remarried” does not mean living together unless the student’s state of legal residence recognizes the relationship as a common law marriage.
- Consistent with the Supreme Court decision holding Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) unconstitutional, same-sex couples must report their marital status as married if they were legally married in a state or other jurisdiction (foreign country) that permits same-sex marriage, without regard to where the couple resides.
- For FAFSA purposes, a married couple is separated if the couple is considered **legally separated** by a state, or if the couple is legally married but has chosen to live separate lives, including living in separate households, as though they were not married.
- If the student and the student’s spouse are separated but living together, select “I am married / remarried,” not “I am separated”.
- When two married persons live as a married couple **but are separated by physical distance (or have separate households), they are considered married for FAFSA purposes.**
- The response on the FAFSA to marital status **cannot** be blank.

Please read and follow the instructions on the back of this form **based on your marital status on the date your FAFSA was signed and submitted.** If necessary, you must make a correction to your FAFSA to correctly report your marital status, tax filing status and/or income reported.

If you are unable to determine if you reported your marital status and/or tax filing status correctly, you must follow the instructions on the back of this form and submit the appropriate documentation to allow the RSC Financial Aid Office Staff assist you with corrections to your FAFSA if necessary.

You MUST fill out the back of this form. Incomplete forms will NOT be accepted.

My Marital Status on the Date of FAFSA Submission was "Married/Remarried"

Date of your marriage/remarriage: _____ **Submit a copy of your marriage license*

Please mark your federal filing status as reported on your 2022 federal tax return(s):

Married Filing Joint

Married Filing Separate

Head of Household

Single

Please note:

- Per IRS Pub 17, in general, a married person should only file "Married Filing Joint" or "Married Filing Separately".
- You should report both you and your spouse's 2022 income on your FAFSA.
- If you married after taxes were filed, you must combine you and your spouse's income information and report the combination of income. In this case, a federal tax filing of "Head of Household" or "Single" may be acceptable.
- If you each filed "Married Filing Separately, you must combine your tax return information.
- You should also report both you and your spouse's wages on your FAFSA.

My Marital Status on the Date of FAFSA Submission was "Separated"

Date of legal separation: _____ **Submit a copy of your legal separation document*

Please mark your federal filing status as reported on your 2022 federal tax return(s):

Married Filing Joint

Married Filing Separate

Head of Household

Single

Please note:

- If you are legally separated you should report only your income on your FAFSA.
- If you filed "Married Filing Joint" you must extract your portion of the joint income and report only your income on the FAFSA.
- You should only report your wages on the FAFSA.

My Marital Status on the Date of FAFSA Submission was "Divorced or Widowed"

Date of divorce: _____ **Submit a copy of your divorce decree*

Date you became a widow(er): _____

Please mark your federal filing status as reported on your 2022 federal tax return:

Married Filing Joint

Married Filing Separate

Head of Household

Single

Qualifying Widow(er)

Please note:

- If you are divorced, you should report only your income on your FAFSA.
- If you are widowed, you should only report your income on your FAFSA.
- If you filed a joint return you must extract your portion of the joint income to report on your FAFSA.

My Marital Status on the Date of FAFSA Submission was "Single"

Please mark your federal filing status as reported on your 2022 federal tax return:

Married Filing Joint

Married Filing Separate

Head of Household

Single

Did Not File

Please note:

- If you are single you should only report your income on the FAFSA.
- Per IRS Pub 17, in general, a single person should use a federal tax filing status of "single" or "head of household"

Check next to the appropriate response (only choose one):

☐ I have made corrections to my FAFSA

☐ All income and marital statuses are reported correctly

By signing below, you are certifying that all of the information that has been reported is correct.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____